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### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS** **U.S. Forest Service – Ouachita NF** **Robertson Creek Project Area**

The Ouachita National Forest, Mena Ranger District, is preparing an environmental assessment for Robertson Creek Project Area. Robertson Creek Project Area includes approximately 12,621 acres or about 19.7 square miles; of which 1,387 acres within the project area is privately owned land. The analysis area for Robertson Creek is composed of Compartments 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, and 1008. Geographically, the project area is primarily East of Boles, Arkansas, in Township 1N, Range 28W Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24; Township 2N, Range 28W, Sections 25 and 36; Township 1N, Range 27W, Sections 3-10, 14-22, and 27-30; and Township 2N, R27W Sections 28-33 in Scott and Montgomery County, Arkansas. The purpose of this project is to move the existing conditions of the project area toward the desired conditions, stated as a site specific need, as identified in the Revised Forest Plan for Management Areas 9, 14, and 21. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The proposed project is available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ouachita/landmanagement/projects> . The EA and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mena District office. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during the public comment period are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. Mail written comments to District Ranger, 1603 Hwy 71 North, Mena, AR 71953 or fax to 479-394-2389. Oral or hand-delivered comments may be submitted at the above address during normal weekday business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Comments may be mailed electronically, in a common digital format, at [comments-southern-ouachita-mena-oden@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-ouachita-mena-oden@fs.fed.us). For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8).

Please state “Robertson Creek Project Area” in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.